

# Seventh Grade | Social Studies Power Standards

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## Civics

1. Understands key ideals and principles outlined in the Declaration of Independence, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and the U.S. Constitution, including the rule of law, separation of powers, representative government, and popular sovereignty, and the Bill of Rights, including due process and freedom of expression.
2. Evaluates efforts to reduce discrepancies between democratic ideals and reality in the United States, including: How amendments to the Constitution have sought to extend rights to new groups; and How democratic ideals and constitutional principles set forth in fundamental documents relate to public issues.
3. Understands and analyzes the structure and powers of government at the national level.
4. Analyzes an issue that attempts to balance individual rights and the common good.

## Economics

5. Analyzes examples of how groups and individuals consider profit and personal values in making economic choices in United States history.

## Geography

6. Analyzes maps and charts from a specific time period or event to make an historical interpretation.
7. Understands and analyzes migration as a catalyst on the growth of the United States.

## History

8. Understands how the following themes and developments help to define eras in US history from 1763-1877:
  - Fighting for independence, Revolution and framing the Constitution
  - Slavery, expansion, removal, and reform
  - Civil War and Reconstruction

## Social Studies Skills

9. Creates and uses research questions that are tied to an essential question to focus inquiry on social studies issues and historical events.

